

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

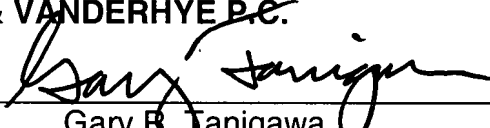
Claims 30 and 44 are pending. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 30 and 44 are allowable, and cancel the other claims to facilitate their allowance. Applicants cancel the other claims without prejudice to future prosecution of that subject matter.

The remaining rejections contained in this Office Action are mooted by cancellation of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13, 22-27, 29, 40 and 42. Applicants earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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